# Notes: Meeting with Annette Rodriguez regarding Northern New Mexico College (NNMC)

OSA SID staff present: Hamish Thomson, Guadalupe Jaramillo

Date:

December 10, 2015

At the beginning of the meeting, Annette Rodriguez provided background information about herself. We learned that she began her post-secondary studies at Mills College in California. She worked for Ten Speed Press, a publishing house, and Lonely Planet, a travel agency, while living in California. Then she returned to New Mexico where she ultimately completed her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in American Studies at the University of New Mexico (UNM). In 2009 she moved to Rhode Island where she also completed her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in American Civilization at Brown University. She learned of a faculty opportunity from a friend she had in common with Patricia Trujillo.

Afterwards, she returned to New Mexico in the fall of 2011 and taught for two and a half years. She began teaching Humanities & Fine Arts during those five semesters and taught two classes per semester. She stated that her syllabus would always go to President Nancy "Rusty" Barceló's office. As adjunct faculty member of the faculty senate, she noticed that the executive administrators were always present during the faculty senate meetings. During her last semester (spring 2014) the faculty and student senate voted no confidence in NNMC's administration. While she was at NNMC, the technical and vocational programs had been terminated. Many of the faculty senate members had been fired, their contracts had been non-renewed, or they had been taken off the faculty approval list. She is currently working at Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) and stated that most staff goes to SFCC after they have been fired from NNMC.

From our interview with Annette Rodriguez we learned that Ricky Serna announced his resignation on November 30, 2015 to be effective December 31, 2015. Ricky Serna holds the position of Vice President of Institutional Advancement at NNMC. According to Annette Rodriguez, this position was similar to that of a Public Relations office. He was appointed to this position at NNMC in 2010 (same year that Rusty arrived). She claims the position for VP of Institutional Advancement was never advertised and that NNMC's Executive team was created by Rusty Barceló. When questioned about the arrival of Rusty to NNMC, Annette Rodriguez stated that there had been a national search for the President position. The search was down to four candidates: Andres Salazar (wanted by local community), Pedro Martinez (NNMC Provost), Nancy "Rusty" Barceló, and another candidate from Arizona.

We learned that Michael Branch, former Board of Regents President, knew the executive team members well except for one. Accordingly, there was no search for the following positions: Vice President for Finance, held by Domingo Sanchez; Vice President for Institutional Advancement, held by Ricky Serna; Human Resources Director, held by Bernie Padilla; and Director of Equity, held by Patricia Trujillo. Michael Branch had no say in the hiring of Patricia Trujillo and she is known by Rusty Barceló. Michael Branch left the NNMC Board of Regents during March 2015. It is stated that he took Rusty Barceló "under his wing" and helped her decide on an executive team. It is alleged that the executive team does not have a background in Higher Education. They ran the college like a private entity and made others feel like it was private property. The executive team even sent letters to people, including alumni, stating that they could not go to campus.

Michael Branch is known for Branch Realty, which rebuilt the railyards in Santa Fe. Annette Rodriguez stated that the Branch family is politically well-connected. The NM Board of Finance did not approve the \$12 million project to build the NNMC dorms. This dorm project was questioned by the Governor. This project was to be built by Monument, LLC but the company was hired to make the study, not to build the dorms. It is alleged the company had a subcontract that would go to Branch and BlueSky Builders.

Currently, there are several Whistleblower lawsuits against NNMC since 2013 including the following:

- James Biggs the former head of Environmental Sciences. He reported federal grant violations regarding funding for program expenses. NNMC was paying his salary out of that fund and the US Department of Education made them pay that money back. He was placed on Administrative Leave October 2012.
- Patricia Perea reported grant violations as well. She claimed that \$80,000 were missing from the Exitó grant. She alleges that the grant money was used to buy athletic gear.
- Angelo Jacquez the former IT Director. He discovered pornography on a computer
  in the Automotive Department. He took the computer to Bernie Padilla, HR Director
  and nothing was done in regards to what he found.
- Melissa Vasquez the former El Rito campus Director. She reported grant violations related to the Forestry and Environmental Sciences Departments. This complaint was filed in the District Court. The department had received funding to build greenhouses at the El Rito campus. She also filed an EOC complaint based on gender discrimination and claimed she was not being paid as other similar directors. She was also placed on Administrative Leave October 2012.

Annette Rodriguez also stated that there have been many settlement through Risk Management. Those settlements include Lisa Powell, Meredith Garcia, and Nancy O'Rourke (settled July 2015). These individuals were fired in 2012. Annette claimed that she doesn't believe the Executive Team embezzled the monies but does believe that they have been mishandling the grant funds. We learned that there have been consistent bank overdrafts and that Domingo borrowed \$200, 000 from the NNMC Foundation for payroll expenses. The Foundation is run by Ricky Serna's aunt, Verna Trujillo.

Enrollment has dropped since Rusty Barceló's arrival in 2010. It is believed that the administration uses federal grants to keep the doors of NNMC open. Allegedly, the NM History class was funded by the Exitó grant. All staff had to go to Ricky if they wanted to apply for a grant. Carmen Melendrez was his secretary. The Title V grant has not been reapproved. NNMC also lost the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) grant because the college was "double dipping". They ran one class and counted two. The Adult Basic Education (ABE) grant was also lost.

We also learned that Domingo Sanchez was employed at SFCC between 2006 and 20007 when the college went through a bankruptcy. During that time he was the Director of Finance. He is also not a member of the Española community. Melissa Vasquez has done extensive research on Domingo's background.

During the interview, we were told that Rusty Barceló has never taught any classes but has been the head of equity at many universities. Patricia Trujillo was brought to NNMC from San Antonio at the same time as Rusty Barceló. She was placed as the Director of the Writing Center but did not do well. She had low evaluations and high complaints. She was taken out of the Writing Center and as the newly created Director of Equity and Diversity with a salary of \$67,000. Rusty

Barceló and the Board of Regents have also given her tenure as an administrator. Allegedly, half her salary, special events, and training have been paid by from the Exitó grant funds.

We learned that many IPRA request were sent to NNMC. Annette Rodriguez sent 29 requests during a 9 month period and has a log of the responses. She also requested a Public Records Inspection. She was allowed two hours to go through several boxes and stated that she felt harassed every time she entered the room. She had to submit her requests to Brandi Cordova, the Custodian of Public Records. Brandi is the assistant of Domingo Sanchez and there was no search for her position. Brandi Cordova is the wife of basketball coach Ryan Cordova, who is a partial owner of BlueSky Builders the company that renovated the President's office, library, bookstore, and automotive building and is contracted to complete maintenance around NNMC campus.

We received information related to Rusty Barceló. She has a Ph.D. in Education from Iowa University. She has had no publications or books and has been Head of Equity and Diversity similar to a Provost position. The NNMC faculty was involved in her hiring as they wanted a new person. They wanted someone from out-of-state and a woman that would "cut the patron sense". She had no experience in writing grants or working with legislatures. She also did not have experience raising funds but would be able to recruit Ph.D. candidates to teach at NNMC. Many of those candidates have left the college. She would also be able to push for a 4-year college although that had already been requested by Michael Branch in 2009.

We learned that the El Rito campus was being rented out for special events. Maria Dolores Gonzales is a close friend of Rusty and was placed as the Director of the El Rito Campus. She is also the owner of a business that teaches executive Spanish. She was operating her business on the campus by providing conferences or classes for the public. Annette Rodriguez submitted an IPRA to receive information regarding the paid usage of the campus and the salaries but has not received those documents. Maria Gonzales used the campus between October/November 2012 and May 2014.

Rusty Barceló is a member of the Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (Women Active in Letters and Social Change), also known as MALCS, which is a social activation group. This group meets every summer at a new location and reunites approximately 300 women. In 2013, the organization was invited to NNMC. This gathering was considered a college project. Annette requested planning committee documents including information about the over 40 employees that assisted to get donations and pick up people at the airports. Patricia Trujillo did not run the class but was the planning head. Maria Dolores Gonzales was the paid consultant for this event. The fee was \$125 per person and that money was payable to a nonprofit.

We were informed that the NM Higher Education Department completed a Capital Projects Audit on NNMC. The audit was released October 1, 2015. She learned from this at a Board of Regents Meeting where it was determined that they would discuss the matter in an executive session. The Capital Projects Audit was recommended by HED Cabinet Secretary Barbara Damron. The audit relates to violations. NNMC was on fiscal watch from 2009 to 2014. The public does not known if the college was removed from the list due to better finances.

According to Annette Rodriguez, enrollment is down from 2100 to about 400 students. She is sure that there are no more than 500 students on campus. She believes the college is being deprived of higher education as they keep raising tuition and fees. There are also no allocations of money; it all goes to the operational fund. The college is being mismanaged. The community believes there needs to be a clean start for a new administration and the need to know the reasons that the college is no longer getting grants.

Accordingly, the college is being run by the Administration. Rosario "Chayo" Garcia has been a board member for many years; Kevin Powers has been there for about one and a half years; Damian Martinez and Melinda DeHerrera were newly appointed this year; and there are two vacancies that need to be appointed by Governor Susana Martinez. We were informed that the NM Legislative Finance Committee should have a watch list that report the basis for removing NNMC from the list. Allegedly Domingo Sanchez is investigating Bernie Padilla and there is gossip that Rust Barceló is investigating Domingo or vice versa.

### June 29, 2015

Attn: Brandi Cordova, Custodian of Public Records

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#### via email

Mrs. Cordova, President Barcelo, Mr. Ortiz, and members of the NNMC governing Board of Regents,

The public records inspections scheduled by Northern New Mexico College for June 17, June 23, June 24, and June 26, 2015 were not held in good faith by the college.

For each of these inspections, the NNMC Custodian of Public Records, Brandi Cordova was late—June 17 (11 minutes), June 23 (10 minutes), June 24 (8 minutes), and June 26 (9 minutes).

In addition, the June 26, 2015 public records inspection was not completed, and included harassment and intimidation by five State employees and members of the NNMC staff. These State employees and NNMC staff were: Mario Caetano, Brandi Cordova, Ryan Cordova, Andy Romero, and John Waters. The harassment—which is part of a pattern of intimidation and harassment by State employees and NNMC staff during public records requests on public, State property scheduled by Northern New Mexico College and previously reported to Mrs. Cordova, President Barcelo, Mr. Ortiz, and members of the NNMC governing Board of Regents—has been reported to State and local authorities.

In addition, the following public records have not been provided:

## 1) H& H Investigations. These public records were requested May 21, 2014—over thirteen months ago.

Heavily redacted documents were provided, removing names of College employees. NNMC did not release the reports and data generated by H&H Investigators, even though, upon information, such reports/data *have been* provided to another entity that requested them under the IPRA. Such reports/data exist and have not been released in fulfillment of my public records request. Public records withheld.

## 2) Personnel files. These public records were requested May 21, 2014—over thirteen months ago.

Application and hiring materials and stipend missing from the individual personnel files. These records are required for employment and these records are required to be held on file per State Records Retention schedules. Payments/travel and expense reimbursements missing from the

individual personnel files. Further, personnel records were not up to date. The incomplete files provided also did not include any records— including contracts, payments, position reassignments, position changes—past 2013. These records are required for employment and these records are required to be held on file per State Records Retention schedules. Public records withheld.

## 3) Blue Sky Builders. These public records were requested June 2, 2014—over twelve months ago.

Project descriptions, procurement authorization, requests for proposals (RFPs), invitations for bid/bids (IFBs), public notice of IFBs, RFP evaluation reports, pre-proposal/ pre-bid conference log in sheets, written notices of award from procurement officer(s), emergency justification request forms required by the State of New Mexico, sole justification request forms required by the State of New Mexico, invoices from Blue Sky in conformance with New Mexico Procurement Code NMSA 1978 and Federal government purchasing missing. These records are required to be held on file per State Records Retention schedules. These records are open to public inspection per IPRA NM and NMAC State Procurement Code Regulations. Public records withheld.

## 4) Monument, LLC. These public records were requested June 2, 2014—over twelve months ago.

NNMC records indicate payments to Monument, LLC. of at least one-quarter of a million dollars. No payments, receipts, checks were provided at public records inspections. The document "Development Agreement" between Monument, LLC and Northern (with 4/2/14 scribbled in hand-writing on the top right corner) is incomplete. The agreement provided is incomplete and inclusive only up to item 4.2. Full development agreement not provided at public records inspections. Public records withheld.

## 5) MALCS, MALCS Site Committee records, and MALCS email. These public records were requested June 2, 2014, and June 17, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

The public records requests regarding the 2014 NNMC-Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (MALCS) Conference/Summer Institute remain unfulfilled in total. My three separate formal, written IPRA requests requested dates of public records specific and inclusive of January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2015. None of the records provided are within the requested dates of my IPRA requests. On April 28, 2015 NNMC provided a document dump of emails beginning July 11, 2014 and proceeding forward. None of these emails are responsive to my IPRA requests. Public records withheld in full.

## 6) Historias de Nuevo Mexico Conference. These public records were requested June 2, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

Public records were promised specifically in your letter of December 12, 2014. In this formal, written communication, your office notes that these records *specifically* will be available on January 9, 2015, with no exceptions noted. These public records have been promised multiple

times in writing. The fraction of public records supplied do not include: signed contracts, rental agreements and leases, full payment records, purchase orders and purchase requests. Further, the public records do not include MOUs with the Northern Foundation, and NNMC staff, as requested (for which there is ample evidence in the supplied sampling of email exchanges).

In addition, the public records do not include email attachments, as requested. For instance in email of 11/6/2012 with Subject Heading: FWD: Invoice 7455 Past Due Invoice, the attachment is missing. In the email of 10/3/2012 with Subject Heading: Request to transfer fund, the attachments are missing. In the email of 11/15/2012 with Subject Heading: Budget Request, the attachment is missing. There are several examples of the sampling of NNMC Historias de Nuevo Mexico Conference emails missing their attached documents. Historias de Nuevo Mexico Conference sampling of records is also not inclusive of the requested dates: through June 1015 (to account for current conference planning). Public records withheld.

## 7) Office of Diversity and Equity. These public records were requested June 2, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

Public records of the office funded by New Mexico State appropriations and the federal Title V Grant have been withheld in full.

## 8) Attorney Tony Ortiz. These public records were requested June 2, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

Records supplied are missing email attachments. For instance in email of June 5, 2014 with Subject Heading: FWD: Not enough funds in PSC14201- Tony Ortiz, the attachment is missing. Public records withheld.

## 9) Basham and Basham. These public records were requested June 13, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

No PRs, bills or invoices showing description of services provided have been provided as requested, and as required by State Statute. The xerox copies provided for payment approvals clearly show staples [top center] that indicate the support PRs, bills, or invoices are in NNMC files (as required by NM State law for issuing payment), yet these supporting documents have been *specifically removed* and not provided in violation of NM IPRA. Public records withheld.

## 10) Carl Perkins Grant. These public records were requested June 13, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

The public records requested are missing all 2011 POs and all payment records from 2012, 2013, 2013, 2014. Public records withheld.

## 11) Exito Grant. These public records were requested June 13, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

As previously informed, the public records are missing the following checks indicated on your

own spreadsheet: a) U.S. Digital Media for August 17, 2012, October 2, 2012, June 25, 2013; b) Valdez, May 9, 2013; c) Weber State University, January 22, 2013. The public records of the Exito Grant are missing the following checks and POs indicated on your own spreadsheet: All NNMC transfers of \$32,000. Public records withheld.

## 12) SEO "search engine optimization." These public records were requested June 13, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

NNMC response was that request is "too broad." The College is aware of the company it has contracted to provide search engine optimization. This company has worked closely with the Communications and Marketing Department consisting of Sandy Krolick, Creative Director and Stephanie J. Montoya, Staff Reporter/PR Specialist. Providing the requested records require a simple inquiry to the Communications and Marketing team and/or VP of Advancement, Ricky Serna, who have contracted the search engine optimization vendor(s). Public records withheld.

## 13) American Indian Center and American Indian Affairs Office (contracts, payments, reports). These public records were requested June 17, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

On June 24, 2014 a letter from Northern New Mexico College Board of Regents attorney Tony Ortiz requested additional time to provide these records and gave a written, formal guarantee that "the College will seek to complete all of your requests **no later than December 15, 2014**" (emphasis in bold font by Mr. Ortiz). Further, your office sent a letter on November 12, 2014 requesting additional time and promising the release of all public records by December 5, 2014. In addition, I received another formal letter from your office dated December 12, 2014 with yet another delay, assuring me that the requested public records would be available January 9, 2015. I have been given records from the American Indian Student Organization, which I did not request and may be a violation of FERPA. *Please see original public records request to fulfill wholly*. I have received no less than three formal, written assurances that these public records requests will be fulfilled. Public records withheld.

## 14) Northern Pueblos Institute (contracts, payments, reports). These public records were requested June 17, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

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15) Franklin, Mondrall, Sperling. These public records were requested June 20, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

I requested all contracts entered, all purchase orders/purchase requests, invoices generated, and all payment records. These were not provided at public records inspections. Public records withheld.

## 16) RBC Capital Markets. These public records were requested June 20, 2014—over one calendar year ago.

I requested all contracts entered, all purchase orders/purchase requests, invoices generated, and all payment records. These were not provided at public records inspections. Public records withheld.

## 17) NNMC surveillance video captured February 19, 2015. These public records were requested February 19, 2015—over four months ago.

A response from the NNMC Custodian of Public Records, Brandi Cordova, dated February 23, 2015, explained the college was "in the process of compiling the requested information and will provide it within fifteen days." The public records have never been released. Public records withheld in full.

As noted previously, in pursuit of public records, I have duly informed members of the Board of Regents of violations of NM IPRA, in their capacity as the governing Board of the College. I have also duly informed members of the Board of Regents, in their capacity as the governing Board of the College, of the multiple instances of intimidation and harassment by State employees and NNMC staff. The State employees and NNMC staff involved in active intimidation and harassment during scheduled public records inspections at NNMC include:

Mario Caetano, Assistant Basketball Coach Brandi Cordova, Custodian of Public Records Ryan Cordova, Head Basketball Couch Pedro Martinez, Provost Bernie Padilla, Director of Human Resources Andy Romero, Facilities Ricky Serna, VP of Institutional Advancement John Waters, Security

The most recent instance of harassment by five State employees and NNMC staff as a group has been reported to State and local officials. This event on June 26, 2015, which concluded the public records inspection early and abruptly included my being surrounded by five State employees and NNMC staff. This event in which I was surrounded alone by five State employees and NNMC staff—four of whom were male—in the NNMC Administration building was clearly intended to annoy, seriously alarm and terrorize me and served absolutely no lawful purpose. I am five feet tall and currently weak from chemotherapy treatments, which began in January of 2015. The conduct of NNMC's group of four men surrounding me caused me to fear for my personal safety (as previous instances of harassment and assault by NNMC staff have been widely documented and reported) and caused me to suffer substantial emotional distress. In

addition, such harassment violates NM IPRA's requirement for reasonable facilities and opportunities to inspect public records.

Given the refusal to the release public records outlined above (the bulk of which were requested over a year ago) and the pattern of intimidation and harassment at public records inspections, I remind NNMC officers, Regents, Administrators, and NNMC attorney Tony Ortiz that compliance with NM IPRA is a routine, basic business operation of all public, State, and local government agencies. NNMC and all other public bodies are subject to IPRA and its requirements. Such agencies comply with IPRA guidelines as a regular course of business.

I ask NNMC officers, Regents, Administrators, and NNMC attorney Tony Ortiz to inform me when the requested public records, which have now been delayed for one year in violation of NM IPRA will be made available. I suggest that due to the pattern of intimidation and harassment during public records inspections on public, State property at NNMC, the NNMC officers, Regents, Administrators, and NNMC attorney Tony Ortiz provide the requested public records as originally requested—digitally—as the public records inspections have not been held in good faith by the officers of NNMC. Further, this will insure compliance with NM IPRA as well as insure no further instances of intimidation and harassment. This will, we should hope, also insure my safety from harassment by State employees and NNMC staff.

As you are aware, NNMC's Custodian of Public Records and the attorney to the NNMC Board of Regents, Tony Ortiz, have promised full public records fulfillment multiple times in formal written letters. For over one year I have sought the cooperation of NNMC through correspondence with the Custodian of Public Records and via letters exchanged with legal counsel for NNMC Board of Regents, Tony Ortiz. These requests have also been cc'd to NNMC President Nancy Barcelo and the members of the governing Board of Regents.

I expect the long-delayed public records requests to be fulfilled immediately and in full as required by law.

I appreciate Northern New Mexico College's prompt attention to this matter.

Best,

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*Cc:* NNMC President Nancy Barcelo, NNMC Board of Regents Legal Counsel Tony Ortiz, Members of the NNMC Board of Regents

From:

Guadalupe Jaramillo

Sent:

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 2:06 PM

To:

'Rodriguez, Annette'

Subject:

RE: Your Misconduct While on NNMC Campus: May 11, 2016

Good afternoon Dr. Rodriguez,

I would like to thank you for providing additional information. I would like to remind you, as previously discussed when Hamish Thomson and I met with you, that any and all IPRA requests you submit to Northern New Mexico College are solely for your personal purposes and independent of the Office of the State Auditor. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

### Guadalupe Jaramillo

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From: Rodriguez, Annette [mailto:annette rodriguez@alumni.brown.edu]

Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 3:10 AM

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Cc: Guadalupe Jaramillo <Guadalupe.Jaramillo@osa.state.nm.us>; mark@longkomer.com

Subject: Fwd: Your Misconduct While on NNMC Campus: May 11, 2016

Dear Members of the NNMC Board of Regents, NNMC President Sanchez, and NNMC President-elect Bailey,

I continue to await the fulfillment of formally requested public records as legally required by NM IPRA.

As you are aware, when I last presented for a public records inspection with basic duplicating equipment, NNMC Custodian of Public records Brandi Cordova, who is also the Assistant to NNMC President Domingo Sanchez, had me removed from the college after I had been on the campus a mere seven minutes--alleging "criminal trespass" (as outlined below). As you are also well-aware, there is no evidence of wrong-doing on my part. I am a respected, long-time educator, Ivy-league PhD, public servant, and prior faculty of NNMC.

The malicious and fallacious charges notwithstanding by NNMC state employee Brandi Cordova (compounded by false charges of "misconduct" by NNMC legal counsel Tony Ortiz--see below) notwithstanding, the college must fulfill its NM IPRA obligations.

The college has a number of ways to fulfill its legal responsibilities under NM IPRA. Espanola officer Armijo, who was called to the college by Assistant to NNMC President Sanchez, Brandi Cordova and NNMC security staff Hope Vigil, has suggested strongly that the college supply the public records either: digitally (as they were requested), by mail, or off-site. Officer Armijo's clear and reasonable recommendations can be heard on NNMC's own surveillance footage and Assistant to NNMC President Sanchez, Brandi Cordova's cellphone recording taken by Mrs. Cordova during the scheduled inspection of public records on May 10, 2016. I am happy to provide CD-R discs, and/or flashdrives to hasten this unnecessarily delayed and muddled process.

Attached are the IPRA requests for documents and recordings related to the 10 May 2016 public records inspection incident. Note that these formal public records requests have passed the 15-day response requirement in violation of NM IPRA.

I urge the duly informed Members of the NNMC Board of Regents, NNMC President Sanchez, and NNMC President-elect Bailey to aid in resolving the ongoing release of public records issue, which, again, is very simply fulfilled in the course of daily business by public entities throughout the State of New Mexico. It is clear that the actions of Assistant to NNMC President Sanchez, Brandi Cordova, on behalf of the college have "now and forever withdrawn" any "future entry onto the land/property" by myself (NM State Statute 30-14-1; City of Espanola Municipal Ordinance 260-19).

I thank you for your assistance,

please note email address change to Annette Rodriguez@alumni.brown.edu

Dr.

Annette M. Rodriguez

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Rodriguez, Annette < annette rodriguez@alumni.brown.edu>

Date: Fri, May 13, 2016 at 1:17 AM

Subject: Fwd: Your Misconduct While on NNMC Campus: May 11, 2016

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Cc: Guadalupe Jaramillo < guadalupe.jaramillo @osa.state.nm.us >, mark@longkomer.com

Dear Members of the NNMC Board of Regents, NNMC President Sanchez, and NNMC President-elect Bailey,

You are likely as shocked as I am that today I received a note from Tony Ortiz (below), which reads "The College is not bound by the police department form..." That Tony Ortiz, who has identified himself as the official legal counsel for the NNMC Board of Regents can be so cavalier in regard to both the law and the Espanola Police Department is stunning. In addition, Tony Ortiz has urged me to disregard the "criminal trespass" notification signed by the Assistant to NNMC President Sanchez, Brandi Cordova, and to present to the college. However, as you are aware, the "criminal trespass" notification (attached below) states that per Mrs. Cordova's signed request, the college has "now and forever withdrawn" any "future entry onto the land/property" by myself (NM State Statute 30-14-1; City of Espanola Municipal Ordinance 260-19).

As a longtime public servant, unlike Tony Ortiz, I do understand the weight of the legal complaint signed by a New Mexico State employee—Assistant to NNMC President Sanchez, Brandi Cordova. I understand the binding legal import of a "criminal trespass" notification.

Further, in addition to stating that "The College is not bound by the police department form" initiated by and signed by the Assistant to NNMC President Sanchez, Brandi Cordova, Tony Ortiz states in his letter dated May 11, 2016 that he has conducted investigations on the college's behalf and has determined that I am guilty of "misconduct on campus."

If you have not carefully read both the "criminal trespass" warning initiated by and signed by Assistant to NNMC President Sanchez, Brandi Cordova, and the letter from Tony Ortiz outlining his investigation and determination of my "misconduct on campus," I urge you to do so now. The language of the "criminal trespass" notice initiated and signed by Assistant to NNMC President Sanchez, Brandi Cordova is clear: this legal document entered into the record by Espanola Police Officer Armijo lists me as a "suspect," whom the college has "now and forever withdrawn" any "future entry onto the land/property." In addition, Tony Ortiz has exacerbated the "criminal trespass" complaint with his accusation and determination of my "misconduct on campus." As you are aware, Tony Ortiz's written accusations are now and forever a part of the public record due to NM IPRA.

These are serious charges against me. These charges engaged not only the State employees at the college, but also members of local law enforcement at the Espanola Police Department.

Members of the NNMC Board of Regents, NNMC President Sanchez, and NNMC President-elect Bailey, the use and misuse of the Espanola Police Department for the purpose of intimidation has been well-documented in Biggs v. Regents of Northern New Mexico College, D-117-CV-201400218—settled by NM Risk Management on behalf of NNMC in April 2016—and the matter of Sam LeDoux (on-going). I trust that the use and misuse of the Espanola Police Department for the purpose of intimidation was a tactic of the *prior-Administration*—President Nancy "Rusty" Barcelo, Vice-President Ricky Serna, Provost Anthony Sena, and Human Resources Director Bernie Padilla—all of whom are no longer at the college.

For the above reasons, it is clear that the college must find a way to fulfill the college's obligations per NM IPRA. The college's representatives, Assistant to NNMC President Sanchez, Brandi Cordova and counsel Tony Ortiz, have created a legally binding "criminal trespass" warning utilizing the Espanola Police Department. This legally binding "criminal trespass" filing against me has been aggravated by Tony Ortiz's accusation *in writing* of my "misconduct on campus" as I presented to the college for an appointment to inspect and copy public records. I was in the NNMC Boardroom (with my laptop, cellphone, and camera) as arranged by Assistant to NNMC President Sanchez, Brandi Cordova, for a mere seven minutes on May 10, 2016.

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Tuesday, June 14, 2016 4:04 PM

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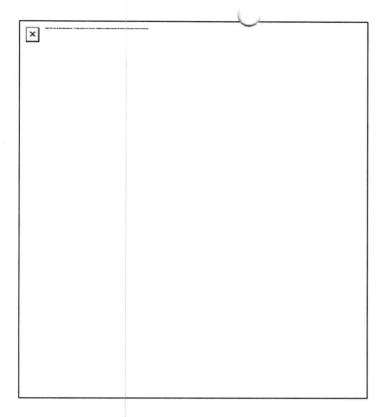
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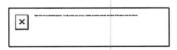
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Date: Wed, May 11, 2016 at 3:46 PM

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| Dr. Annette Rodriguez   |
| Forwarded message   |
| From: Nadine B. Mondragon < nadine@ortiz-zamora.com >   |

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From:

Damian L. Martinez <damian.martinez@nnmc.edu>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 4:34 PM

To:

Tony F. Ortiz

Cc:

chayo@nnmc.edu; kevin.powers@nnmc.edu; Melinda DeHerrera; president@nnmc.edu;

domingo\_sanchez@nnmc.edu; rickbailey13@gmail.com; Brandi Cordova; Guadalupe

Jaramillo

Subject:

Re: Charges of Criminal Trespass during Inspection of Public Records Appointment /

NM IPRA Requests attached

Can someone help me out on this? What occurred that a criminal trespass citation was required? Better yet did this even happen?

V/R Damian

On May 10, 2016, at 1:52 PM, Rodriguez, Annette <a href="mailto:annette\_rodriguez@alumni.brown.edu">annette\_rodriguez@alumni.brown.edu</a> wrote:

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Dr. Annette M. Rodriguez 3 Placitas West Placitas, NM 87043 (505) 573-1158

<Espanola PD Criminal Trespass A Rodriguez.pdf>

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Dr. Annette M. Rodriguez 3 Placitas West Placitas, NM 87043 (505) 573-1158

From:

Rodriguez, Annette <annette\_rodriguez@alumni.brown.edu>

Sent:

Friday, May 6, 2016 11:32 AM

To:

Brandi Cordova; chayo@nnmc.edu; damian.martinez@nnmc.edu;

kevin.powers@nnmc.edu; Melinda DeHerrera; president@nnmc.edu

Cc:

Guadalupe Jaramillo

Subject:

Fwd: NNMC Public Records Inspection

**Attachments:** 

Response Letter to A. Rodriguez. 05.05.16.pdf

Mrs. Cordova, NNMC Custodian of Public Records and Assistant to NNMC President,

In response to your message of approximately 10am today (below), please refer to your own office's letter to me yesterday, which allows only for public records inspections May 10, 12, 16 and 17 (attached).

The multiple and contradictory written responses from your office have continued the college's pattern of clear and intentional delay of the legally required release of public records.

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Annette M. Rodriguez

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From: Brandi Cordova <br/>
Scordova@nnmc.edu>

Date: Fri, May 6, 2016 at 9:54 AM

Subject: Re: NNMC Public Records Inspection

To: "Rodriguez, Annette" <annette rodriguez@alumni.brown.edu>

Annette,

Will you be present for the scheduled inspection today?

Please let me know asap.

Thank you,

### Brandi Cordova

Executive Assistant to the VP for Finance & Administration Northern New Mexico College 921 Paseo de Onate Espanola, NM 87532 Email: <u>bcordova@nnmc.edu</u>

Ph: 505-747-2129

On Thu, May 5, 2016 at 6:05 PM, Brandi Cordova < bcordova@nnmc.edu > wrote:

Hi Annette,

Please see attached.

Thank you,

### Brandi Cordova

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Annette M. Rodriguez

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From: Rodriguez, Annette < annette rodriguez@alumni.brown.edu>

Date: Wed, May 4, 2016 at 5:47 AM

Subject: NNMC Public Records Inspection

To: Brandi Cordova < bcordova@nnmc.edu >, president@nnmc.edu, chayo@nnmc.edu,

damian.martinez@nnmc.edu, kevin.powers@nnmc.edu, Melinda DeHerrera

<melinda\_s\_deherrera@nnmc.edu>

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Annette M. Rodriguez

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From: **Brandi Cordova** < <u>bcordova@nnmc.edu</u>>

Date: Mon, May 2, 2016 at 6:48 PM

Subject: IPRA Review - RE: Employee Compensation Info. and P. Martinez Emails

To: Annette Rodriguez <annette rodriguez@alumni.brown.edu>

### Annette,

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May 2, 2016

Annette Rodriguez
3 Placitas West
Placitas, NM 87043
Annette Rodriguez@alumni.brown.edu

RE: Inspection Request

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

The College is in receipt of your recent correspondence of 4/22/16 in which you allege that the College has not been responsive to your IPRA requests and that it has provided you with conflicting responses. The College provided you notice prior to March 31<sup>st</sup> how it would be responding to your most recent requests. Furthermore, the College gave you three separate inspection times and made the materials available for your review. You did not attend any of the three times offered for inspection. Therefore, the College is meeting its duties and rejects any suggestion that it has not made these materials available to you.

In Mr. Ortiz's recent correspondence to you, he advised you that the College's dates for response can include multiple options. Your recent correspondence does not appear to recognize those multiple options. Please let me know if those explanations of the law need to be re-sent to you for your review.

Despite the apparent misunderstanding by you of these issues, the College will again provide you with inspection dates for you to physically review the documents you have requested and that have been waiting for your review. The College assumes that you will avail yourself of these opportunities. If you again fail to inspect, the College will conclude that you are no longer interested in review and will re-shelve the documents.

The next group of times that will be made available for inspection are: Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the NNMC Board Room. Thursday, May 5, 2016, 9:00 am -11:00 am in the NNMC Board Room. Friday, May 6, 2016, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in the NNMC Board Room.

Sincerely.

Brandi Cordova

NNMC Custodian of Records

Brande Cordova

From:

Rodriguez, Annette <annette\_rodriguez@brown.edu>

Sent:

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 10:49 AM

To:

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Subject:

Re: IPRA Response to the January 4, 2016 Requests - Employee Compensation (15)

IPRA Response. Compensation. 01.07.16.pdf; IPRA Response. Compensation 2.

01.07.16.pdf; Response Letter to A. Rodriguez. 01.19.16.pdf

Mrs. Cordova,

Attachments:

In your official role of NNMC Custodian of Public Records and Assistant to President Sanchez, you have failed to fulfill formal, written public records requests of January 4, 2016.

#### Per your note below:

I have requested public records specifically, rather than newly created data (a distinction that is made clear in NM IPRA).

Per your three formal, written responses (attached), I expected <u>the public records</u> by January 22, 2016. I have not received the requested public records (which you seem to refer to as "originals").

Please re-read my public records requests sent January 4, 2016 and NM IPRA in order that your office may fully release the requested public records as required by law.

Best, Annette

On Tue, Jan 26, 2016 at 2:40 PM, Brandi Cordova < <u>bcordova@nnmc.edu</u>> wrote:

The following computer print outs contain the payment record information that you requested, but they do not include originals. Please let me know if this data gives you what you need. As indicated by Mr.s Ortiz's letter, the College can conduct a paper search for all originals, but if that is what you seek, then the College will be invoking its rights under the statute for unduly burdensome/voluminous requests, and will advise you of the additional time necessary to conduct that review.

Thank you,

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Executive Assistant to the VP for Finance & Administration Northern New Mexico College 921 Paseo de Onate Espanola, NM 87532 Email: bcordova@nnmc.edu

Ph: <u>505-747-2129</u>

January 7, 2016

Annette Rodriguez 3 Placitas West Placitas, NM 87043

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

We acknowledge receipt of your request for information concerning the following:

- Brandi Cordova Compensation
- Nancy "Rusty" Barceló Compensation
- Kathleen Sena Compensation
- Liddie Martinez Compensation
- Monique Romero Compensation
- Bernie Padilla Compensation
- Ryan Cordova Compensation
- Mila Angulua Compensation
- Ricky Serna Compensation

Brando Cordova

• Verna Trujillo Compensation

We are in the process of compiling the requested information and will provide it to you within the 15 days, pursuant to Section 14-2-8(D) of the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA).

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January 19, 2016,

Annette Rodriguez 3 Placitas West Placitas, NM 87043

RE: Your IPRA requests, Dated January 4, 2016

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

We acknowledge receipt of your requests for records concerning employee compensation packages, records, contracts/agreements, etc. We have determined that your request is broad and excessively burdensome. Therefore, additional time will be needed to complete this request. We will have the compensation package portion of the requests available for inspection on or before Friday, January 22, 2016. We will have the contracts/agreements portion available on or before March 31, 2016.

Sincerely,

Brandi Cordova

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http://valleydailypost.com/ribbon-cutting-ceremony-food-venture-center

http://www.manta.com/c/mm8hyrw/mpower

On Thu, Dec 10, 2015 at 6:51 PM, Rodriguez, Annette <annette\_rodriguez@brown.edu> wrote:

Hi Guadalupe,

Thank you for spending so much time talking with me today.

While we were meeting, the NNMC Board of Regents named Domingo Sanchez the new interim President of the college, effective January 1, 2016. This was announced at the 3pm Board of Regents meeting. Amy Pena, President Nancy "Rusty" Barcelo's assistant gave out copies of the statement (I believe Jake Arnold attended and has a copy of that statement).

Please let me know if there's anything else I can help with. Thank you again, Annette

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Annette M. Rodriguez (505) 573-1158

From:

Annette Rodriguez <annette\_rodriguez@brown.edu>

Sent:

Friday, December 11, 2015 1:39 PM

To:

Guadalupe Jaramillo

Subject:

Fwd: Public Records Request: NNMC Capital Project Audit by NMHED 10/15

**Attachments:** 

ATT00001.htm; ATT00002.htm; NNMC Capital Project Audit.pdf; ATT00003.htm

Attached is the HED Oct 2015 audit I mentioned yesterday. Best, Annette

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "James, Ronald, NMHED" < Ronald.James@state.nm.us>

Date: December 11, 2015 at 1:13:30 PM MST

To: "Rodriguez, Annette" < annette\_rodriguez@brown.edu>

Subject: RE: Public Records Request: NNMC Capital Project Audit by NMHED 10/15

Ms. Rodriguez,

Apologize for you not receiving this sooner.

I delegated this and did not follow up to make sure it had been sent to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Ron

H. Ronald (Ron) James

Architect

Capital Projects Coordinator

New Mexico Higher Education Department

State of New Mexico 2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-2100 505.476.8434

Ronald.James@state.nm.us

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To:

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Subject:

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Would next Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. work for you?

Guadalupe Jaramillo

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From: Rodriguez, Annette [mailto:annette rodriguez@brown.edu]

Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2015 1:04 PM

To: Guadalupe Jaramillo < Guadalupe. Jaramillo @osa.state.nm.us>

Subject: Re: Northern New Mexico College

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(505) 573-1158

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From:

Annette Rodriguez <annette\_rodriguez@brown.edu>

Sent:

Thursday, December 3, 2015 2:07 PM

To:

Guadalupe Jaramillo

Subject:

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Sent from my iPhone

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From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 8:54 PM

To:

Guadalupe Jaramillo

Subject:

Re: NNMC

**Attachments:** 

IPRA Response Letter to A. Rodriguez. 01.27.16.pdf

Yes, meeting at the end of next week would work. NNMC has, as you've seen, refused to fulfill a number of requests from almost two years ago now, and the recent requests (Jan 4, 2016) are basic, but I have just received yet another letter from Mrs. Cordova that says they will take at least 5 months--maybe more!--to begin to release the public records. I have attached that below.

Also, if you can let me know which avenues the SA is looking into, I can bring more records. I have collected a number of records but I do not know which issues the SA has considered pursuing. I'd like to save us both the time of looking through everything and focus my efforts on issues the SA is interested in. Thank you again for your attention to these matters.

My best, Annette (505) 573-1158

On Wed, Jan 27, 2016 at 4:48 PM, Guadalupe Jaramillo < Guadalupe. Jaramillo @osa.state.nm.us > wrote:

Good afternoon Annette,

Thank you for providing the additional information regarding your IPRA requests. Could we meet sometime next week? We would like to know of any events that have happened since we last met or any new information.

Thank you,

### Guadalupe Jaramillo

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January 27, 2016,

Annette Rodriguez 3 Placitas West Placitas, NM 87043

RE: Your Recent IPRA Correspondence

Dear Mrs. Rodriguez:

The College is in receipt of your email from today January 27, 2016, in which you assert that the materials provided do not address your needs. As you were advised in previous multiple letters, the nature and extent of your requests has remained unclear, and you have refused to clarify the scope. The College provided computer print outs in an attempt to provide immediate and available responsive information. However, now that you have clarified that you expect original documents, the College is invoking, as was previously told to you, its rights under the IPRA provisions for unduly burdensome and voluminous requests. Thus, by May 30, 2016, the College will provide either responsive materials OR an explanation why materials you seek are not available under IPRA. Of course, the May 30<sup>th</sup> date remains subject to extension subject to any unforeseen difficulties in procuring your requested documents. If additional time is required, the College will advise you of any extension before May 30<sup>th</sup>. "

Sincerely,

Brandi Cordova

NNMC Public Records Custodian

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From:

Rodriguez, Annette <annette rodriguez@brown.edu>

Sent:

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 10:49 AM

To:

Brandi Cordova; president@nnmc.edu; domingo\_sanchez@nnmc.edu;

kevin.powers@nnmc.edu; chayo@nnmc.edu; Melinda DeHerrera;

damian.martinez@nnmc.edu; tony@tonyortizlaw.com

Cc:

Guadalupe Jaramillo

Subject:

Re: IPRA Response to the January 4, 2016 Requests - Employee Compensation (15) IPRA Response. Compensation. 01.07.16.pdf; IPRA Response. Compensation 2.

Attachments:

01.07.16.pdf; Response Letter to A. Rodriguez. 01.19.16.pdf

Mrs. Cordova,

In your official role of NNMC Custodian of Public Records and Assistant to President Sanchez, you have failed to fulfill formal, written public records requests of January 4, 2016.

#### Per your note below:

I have requested public records specifically, rather than newly created data (a distinction that is made clear in NM IPRA).

Per your three formal, written responses (attached), I expected the public records by January 22, 2016. I have not received the requested public records (which you seem to refer to as "originals").

Please re-read my public records requests sent January 4, 2016 and NM IPRA in order that your office may fully release the requested public records as required by law.

Best, Annette

On Tue, Jan 26, 2016 at 2:40 PM, Brandi Cordova < bcordova@nnmc.edu> wrote: Hi Annette.

The following computer print outs contain the payment record information that you requested, but they do not include originals. Please let me know if this data gives you what you need. As indicated by Mr.s Ortiz's letter, the College can conduct a paper search for all originals, but if that is what you seek, then the College will be invoking its rights under the statute for unduly burdensome/voluminous requests, and will advise you of the additional time necessary to conduct

Thank you,

#### Brandi Cordova

Executive Assistant to the VP for Finance & Administration Northern New Mexico College 921 Paseo de Onate Espanola, NM 87532 Email: bcordova@nnmc.edu

Ph: 505-747-2129

From:

Rodriguez, Annette <annette\_rodriguez@brown.edu>

Sent:

Thursday, January 14, 2016 5:39 PM

To:

chayo@nnmc.edu; Melinda DeHerrera; damian.martinez@nnmc.edu;

kevin.powers@nnmc.edu; Guadalupe Jaramillo

Subject:

**Attachments:** 

Fwd: Your Recent IPRA Correspondence - Requests for Clarification

Ltr to Annette Rodriguez..1.14.2016.PDF; IPRA Response. Compensation. 01.07.16.pdf; IPRA Response. Compensation 2. 01.07.16.pdf

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From: Nadine B. Mondragon <nadine@ortiz-zamora.com>

Date: Thu, Jan 14, 2016 at 5:30 PM

Subject: Your Recent IPRA Correspondence - Requests for Clarification To: "annette rodriguez@brown.edu" <annette rodriguez@brown.edu>

Cc: "Tony F. Ortiz" <<u>tony@ortiz-zamora.com</u>>, "<u>domingo\_sanchez@nnmc.edu</u>" <domingo\_sanchez@nnmc.edu>, Brandi Cordova <<u>bcordova@nnmc.edu</u>>

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

Please see attached correspondence from Tony F. Ortiz, Counsel to the NNMC Board of Regents. The original to follow via first class mail.

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January 14, 2016

VIA U.S. MAIL and E-MAIL

Annette M. Rodríguez P.O. Box 963 Chimayo, NM 87522 annette rodriguez@brown.edu

> RE: Your Recent IPRA Correspondence Requests for Clarification

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

This law firm represents the NNMC Board of Regents. The College is in receipt the 15 IPRA requests that you recently submitted on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Because the College could not provide documents within 3 days to your multiple requests, it alerted you that it would respond within the 15 days provided by statute. Because this process and its timelines appeared to confuse you in the past, I am writing to alert you promptly that your recent requests are vague. If your requests are interpreted broadly, such as requiring "all contracts" signed by the listed employees, it may take months to locate all such material. Do you mean the employees' personnel contracts with the College? Do you mean any contracts where the employee has been asked to sign a contract on behalf of the College? Do you mean for every year that employee has been employed by the College?

The same basic problem exists for the requests for documents addressing "records of payment" to employees. Please consider clarifying what time frames matter to you, preferably limiting the request to the past two years. Again, because some employees have been with the College for many years, requests that seek all records will involve searching boxed and stored paper materials. Such searches will require substantial time. For that reason, I again recommend that in the interests of faster turnaround for you and less wasted time for the College, you consider focusing your inquiries to time periods that get you what you need.

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Annette M. Rodriguez January 14, 2016 Page 2

If you are requiring every contract and payment record for every year since the employee was hired, such requests are unduly burdensome and broad, and thus the statute permits a longer response period. The College then would assign a response date several months in the future that would allow for all off-site required review to be done. Of course, if you voluntarily narrow your request (type of record, particular years), it might allow for a more focused search that can be provided in a shorter period. Finally, if you refuse to clarify your requests, then the College will interpret the request to the best of its ability and respond under appropriate deadlines for a burdensome request, with due consideration for problems created by vagueness.

Furthermore, please understand that simply because the College offers to "respond" within 15 days, that does not mean it is promising to provide all responsive documents within that time. It is within the College's statutory right to respond by telling you that your requests are overly broad and unduly burdensome, thus permitting more time for response. I do not want you getting "stuck", as you have in the past, on the notion that a response within 15 days means that all documents are required by that time. It simply means that within 15 days you will receive documents where the inquiry is easily answered, <u>OR</u> you will receive some indication from the College of the additional time required to respond. Also, please recognize that a response can also mean that the College will advise you as to which items are excepted from public inspection. Thus, the College may respond in 15 days that it is not going to provide particular documents because they fall under an IPRA exception.

I appreciate your advance and thoughtful attention to trying to make this process more efficient for you and the College. Please forward any written clarifications narrowing your inquiries directly to the College's Custodian of Records, Ms. Cordova.

Sincerely,

Tony F. Ortiz

NNMC Board Counsel



January 7, 2016

Annette Rodriguez 3 Placitas West Placitas, NM 87043

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

We acknowledge receipt of your request for information concerning the following:

- Brandi Cordova Compensation
- Nancy "Rusty" Barceló Compensation
- Kathleen Sena Compensation
- Liddie Martinez Compensation
- Monique Romero Compensation
- Bernie Padilla Compensation
- Ryan Cordova Compensation
- Mila Angulua Compensation
- Ricky Serna Compensation

Brando Cordova

• Verna Trujillo Compensation

We are in the process of compiling the requested information and will provide it to you within the 15 days, pursuant to Section 14-2-8(D) of the Inspection of Public Records Act (IPRA).

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NNMC Public Records Custodian

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Sent:

Tuesday, January 12, 2016 9:33 AM

To:

Guadalupe Jaramillo

Subject:

Re: Northern New Mexico College

Hi Guadalupe,

I am emailing to check in on the status of the Northern New Mexico College investigation.

They have recently let go their legal counsel--Basham and Basham (who were contracted by both Risk Management and NNMC directly). In addition, they are unable to meet their operational expenses as the new semester begins.

I am happy to provide additional information if the investigation is going forward. Please let me know. Best, Annette

On Fri, Dec 11, 2015 at 9:50 AM, Guadalupe Jaramillo < Guadalupe. Jaramillo @osa.state.nm.us > wrote:

Hello Annette,

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